

CITY OF HUDSON, WISCONSIN

PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Hudson Public Works & Parks Department is to enhance the quality of life in our community by providing the best possible parks, recreational facilities, open natural spaces, and programs for its citizens.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, & DEFINITIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan serves as a living document that is reviewed by the Park Board on an annual basis to ensure the parks and trails system is continually assessed, maintained, and upgraded to meet the needs of the community. Furthermore, the plan identifies existing facilities and determines if potential deficiencies exist in recreation opportunities and programs, and to offer realistic proposals for satisfying them. Citizens, policy makers, and staff should find this document helpful for identifying and funding future Park development. As this is a living document, the plan may change as improvements are completed, needs arise, development patterns change, or new ideas are brought forth. The improvements identified in this plan are intended to ensure that our parks remain vital and useful for generations to come. For more information on various park policies, please visit www.hudsonwi.gov/270/Parks

Submission of this plan to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) establishes eligibility for a variety of Federal and State aids to purchase land and to add facilities to existing parklands. This plan will be referenced in the City of Hudson's Comprehensive Plan.

DEFINITIONS

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) collects data from public park systems around the country. Municipalities with a population with less than 20,000 people average one park per 1,331 residents and 10.5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. With one park per 1,061 residents and 14 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, Hudson is close to average compared to similar sized communities nationally. The NRPA also categorizes parks according to their size and amenities. These classifications are as follows:

Neighborhood Park: provide recreation amenities primarily for the surrounding property owners; common amenities include small playgrounds, paved multi-use trails, landscaping, benches, picnic shelter, etc.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, & DEFINITIONS CONT.

DEFINITIONS

Community Park: provide space for larger community events and larger facilities; common amenities might include athletic fields, band shelters, larger playgrounds, additional parking, etc.

Natural Area: provide for more passive recreational activities such as hiking, birdwatching, photography, fishing, and the enjoyment and preservation of natural beauty; common amenities might include nature trails, native prairie, benches, tree plantings, paved multi-use trails, fishing docks, etc.

Regional Park: provide recreation amenities for several cities, a county, or several counties; regional parks are typically 100 acres or more in size and either conserve undeveloped open areas, restore natural landscapes, or provide additional active recreation amenities beyond the size and scope of a community park.

Special Use Facility: provide for more specialized activities not otherwise available in most public parks, such as a golf course, hockey center, archery range, swimming pool, recreation center, etc.



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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Goal 1. Acquisition: To establish a program fund to purchase land for the expansion of the city of Hudson parks system.

1a. To obtain, when opportunities arise, sites for future parks, playgrounds, etc.

1b. To utilize local, state, federal, and private foundation or other forms of financial assistance when possible to acquire desired land for future park development.

Goal 2. Development: To provide adequate, quality, and varied recreational facilities and opportunities to meet the needs of all residents of our community.

2a. To provide passive and active parks and recreational facilities to meet the needs of all age groups.

2b. To provide opportunities for area residents and visitors to enjoy the community's parks and recreation areas.

2c. To determine priorities of development within each city park.

2d. To provide access to the St. Croix River and Lake Mallalieu.

2e. To protect scenic values by implementing context-sensitive design with city parks, particularly Lakefront, Birkmose, and Prospect Parks, which are visible from the St. Croix River.

2f. To protect resource-based recreation areas within the community.

2g. To provide for the recreation needs of persons with disabilities.

2h. Encourage design that provides pedestrian, non-vehicular, and vehicular connections to existing and future neighborhoods.

2i. To develop a design standard for restroom facilities.

Goal 3. Maintenance: Maintain parks in a high degree of excellence.

3a. To implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality, by reducing the use of fertilizer or weed control applications.

3b. To establish a maintenance program to assure the continual upkeep and replacement of recreation facilities and ancillary parking and restroom facilities.

3c. To establish a tree inventory, maintenance, and replacement program.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

GOALS & OBJECTIVES CONT.

Goal 4. Administration: To cooperatively work through the Park Board, Park Department staff, and other city departments and Hudson residents and businesses to provide an effective and efficient park system.

- 4a. To coordinate the City of Hudson park and recreation program with the programs of other levels of government and with private enterprise to ensure maximum public benefit.
- 4b. To maintain a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), reviewed and amended each year, to project and prioritize maintenance and park facility improvement costs and to serve as a basis for annual budgeting of capital improvements.
- 4c. To establish a program to periodically survey residents and park users to assess the satisfaction level, desires, and frequency of use of the parks and recreation facilities.

Goal 5. Natural and Cultural Resources: To provide a park system that preserves natural, historic and cultural resources.

- 5a. To designate, preserve, and restore significant natural resource area within the park system.

Goal 6. Trail System: To promote the development and maintenance of a community pedestrian and bicycling trail system within the City of Hudson.

- 6a. To encourage pedestrian and non-vehicular connections to parks to existing and future neighborhoods.
- 6b. To develop standards that will accommodate both pedestrian and bicycling activities including rest areas, disability access, and the provision of bicycle racks.



COMMUNITY INPUT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The most current and comprehensive data about community recreation was gathered in 2019 as part of the Hudson Comprehensive Plan Update. In November 2019, the City of Hudson requested community participation through a city-wide survey. In total, 390 surveys were completed. Considering the City's estimated 5,909 residential households, approximately 5.1% of all households completed the community survey. The data gathered can provide valuable insight about the recreation needs of the community and should be taken into consideration when planning future projects.

Looking at Hudson's parks and trails, 68% of respondents agreed that parks within the City meet their family's routine recreational needs. However, only 22% of respondents feel that the existing trail system is adequate, and only 31% feel that the existing sidewalk system is adequate. Survey respondents indicated that they are park users, as 96% of respondents indicated that they utilize parks at least once per year, while 69% use the public parks at least twice per month.



Themes that emerged from open response questions indicate residents would like to see the following added to parks:

- More walking paths
- More sidewalks
- Improved restrooms
- Public pool or splash pad
- More adult amenities

ANDERSON PARK

LOCATION: 1000 MONT CROIX DRIVE

SIZE: 2.5 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

About: Purchased in 1994 from a Paul Anderson, Anderson Park was developed in response to an influx of adjacent housing developments. This park features a large playground area with a play structure and swings. There is also a tennis court and full-size basketball court, along with picnic tables and benches.

Existing Amenities: Tennis/Pickleball Court, Basketball Court, Playground, Open Space, Restrooms, Picnic Pavilion, drinking fountain, benches.









Opportunities: Angle Parking, Playground Surface, Playground Border, New Basketball Hoops





Anderson Park
 1000 Mont Croix Drive
 Hudson, WI 54016

Amenities

-  Bench
-  Picnic Table
-  Playground
-  Restroom
-  Basketball
-  Tennis
-  Walking Paths
-  Park Boundaries

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BIRKMOSE PARK

LOCATION: 50 COULEE ROAD

SIZE: 27.0 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY PARK

About: Donated to the City by Christian Birkmose in 1923, the park commands breathtaking views of the St. Croix River valley. Besides the beautiful vistas, there are five conical Indian mounds which have been authenticated by the Wisconsin Historical Society, which possibly date back to 200 A.D and 600 A.D.

Existing Amenities: Open play area, picnic tables.


Opportunities: Trail improvements.







Birkmose Park
 50 Coulee Road
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Amenities

 Bench

 Picnic Table

 Park Boundaries

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BURTON PARK

LOCATION: 1110 9TH STREET

SIZE: 2.0 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

About: Burton Park has two baseball diamonds which are used for youth baseball and other activities. There is a newly built playground for all ages. In the winter months, Burton Field is the site for outdoor ice skating, with a hockey rink and an open skating rink. A warming house and attendant are provided during the skating season.

Existing Amenities: Baseball diamonds, football fields, hockey rinks, ice skating rinks, open play area, playground, restrooms.

Opportunities: LED lighting, Sidewalks, Playground Surface, Bathroom Expansion.





Burton Field
1110 9th Street
Hudson, WI 54016

Amenities

- Skating Rink
- Picnic Table
- Playground
- Restroom
- Sports Field
- Park Boundaries

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COON'S HILL PARK

LOCATION: 400 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE

SIZE: 10.0 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

About: Coon's Hill Park is 10 acres of undeveloped open space with a large hill (used for winter sledding) and a crushed rock parking lot. Access is available via a walking path from Vine and 12th Streets, or by vehicle from Knollwood Drive.

Existing Amenities: Sledding Hill, parking lot.

Opportunities:





Coons Hill Park
400 Knollwood Drive
Hudson, WI 54016

Amenities



Sledding Hill



Parking

Walking Paths



Park Boundaries



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GRANDVIEW PARK

LOCATION: 1100 CARMICHAEL ROAD

SIZE: 53.5 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY PARK

About: Grandview Park serves the city in two functions. It is an athletic complex with four regulation softball fields, all of which are lighted. The fields are used for adult and youth softball. Grandview Park also serves as a neighborhood park and offers a playground area with play structure; a picnic shelter; and benches and picnic tables. Rest rooms are open to the public and concessions are available during evening adult softball play and other events.

Existing Amenities: Barbeques, baseball diamonds, concessions, open play area, picnic shelters, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, softball fields.

Opportunities: New Playground, Storage Buildings, Sidewalks, Shade for Bleachers, Dog Fountain, Shade Structure, Pickleball, Concessions Update.



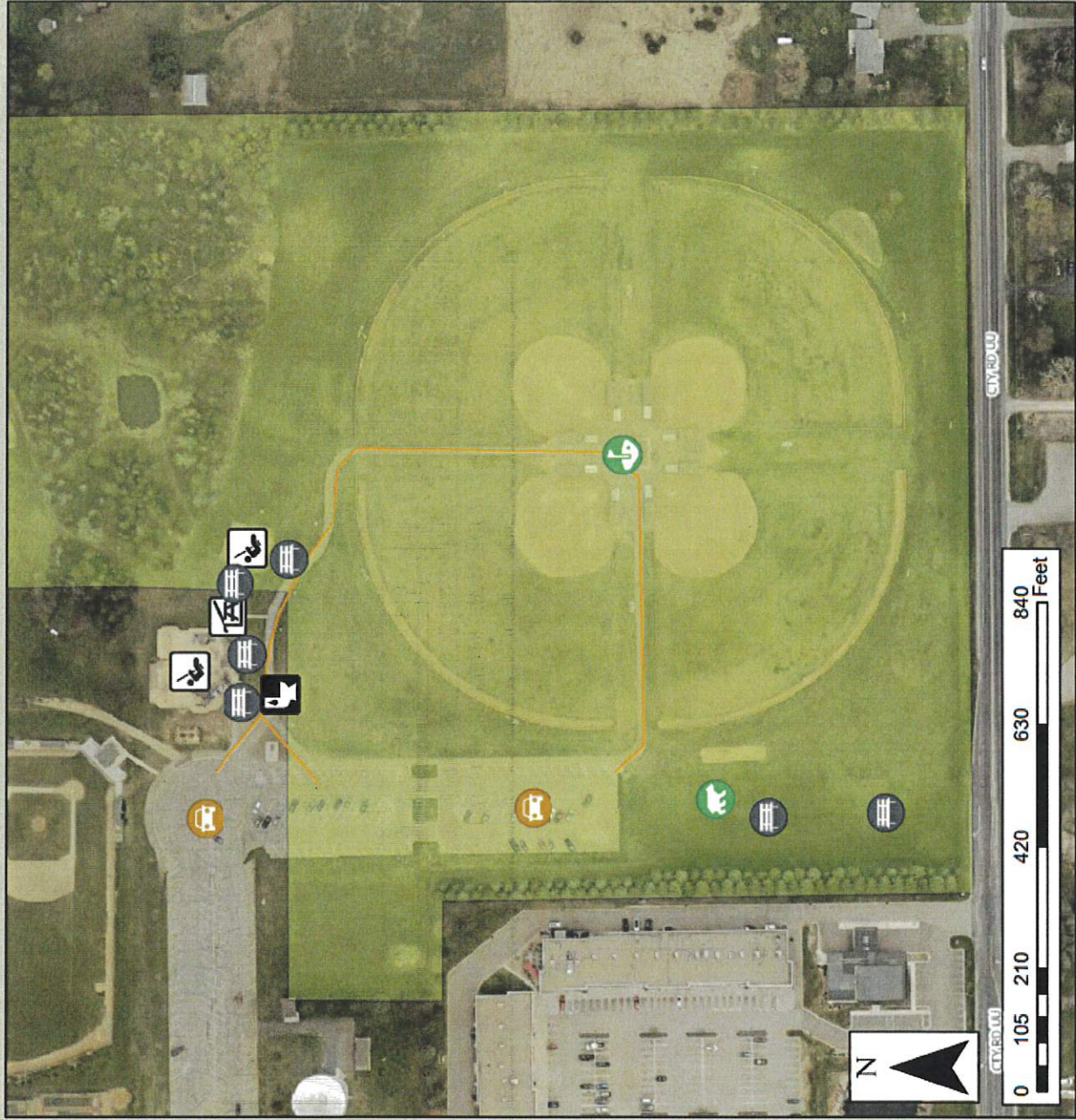


Grandview Park
1100 Carmichael Road
Hudson, WI 54016

Amenities

- Walking Paths
- Bench
- Parking
- Dog Park
- Sports Field
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Restroom

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LAKE MALLALIEU BOAT ACCESS (CORKY'S PIER)

LOCATION: 1530 2ND STREET

SIZE: .5 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: SPECIAL-USE PARK

About: Corky's Pier allows access to Lake Mallalieu for boating and fishing. There is parking for cars and trailers and a dock for fishing. In addition, the lower Lake Mallalieu Area, is an undeveloped property that sits on the shores of the St. Croix River. There is the potential to develop this area into a passive park with paved trails, a non-motorized boat launch, fishing piers, swimming beaches, restrooms and connect the City of Hudson and Village of North Hudson via the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad Bridge

Existing Amenities: Boat Launch, fishing dock, parking.

Opportunities: Boat Cleaning Station, Shade Structure, New Dock.





Lake Mallalieu
Boat Launch
(Corky's Pier)
Expansion Area

1530 2nd Street
Hudson, WI 54016

Amenities
Boat Launch
Fishing
Parking

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LAKEFRONT PARK

LOCATION: 505 1ST STREET

SIZE: 20.0 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY PARK

About: Lakefront Park offers a variety of activities. You will find a boat launch (fee required) with parking area; picnic shelters; playground area with a play structure, swings, and other items; two sand volleyball courts; a beach which has lifeguards on duty in the summer; bandshell that hosts summer concerts as well as other large events; paved trails; and a nice view of the river and river activity. The park is a great place for a picnic, sunning, swimming, fishing, or just enjoying the river. Restrooms are available during the non-winter months in two locations in the park. Lakefront Park has a public boat launch (fee charged). Season passes available. There is also a public ramp on Lake Mallalieu just south of the Mallalieu Bridge on Second Street, on the east shoreline at Corky's Pier.

Existing Amenities: Bandshell, Barbeques, Beach, Benches, Boat Launch, Concessions, Paved Trails, Picnic Shelters, Picnic Tables, Playground, Restrooms, Sand Volleyball, Swimming, Swings.

Opportunities: Foot Wash Station, Canoe/Kayak Launch, Decorative Lighting, Amphitheatre Seating





Lakefront Park North

505 1st Street
Hudson, WI 54016

Amenities



Bench



Picnic Table



Beach



Picnic Shelter



Restroom



Parking

Walking Paths

Park Boundaries

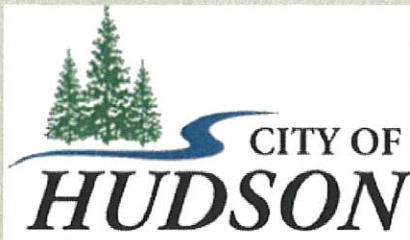


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Lakefront South



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Lakefront Park South

505 1st Street
Hudson, WI 54016

Amenities

-  Walking Paths
-  Bench
-  Picnic Table
-  Boat Launch
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Playground
-  Restroom
-  Volleyball
-  Park Boundaries

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MEADOWS PARK

LOCATION: 31 CANARY WAY

SIZE: 10.0 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: SPECIAL-USE PARK

About: Meadows Park is a 10-acre area with a picnic pavilion and three parking stalls. Eight acres of this area is to be left in a natural state.

Existing Amenities: Open Play Area.

Opportunities:



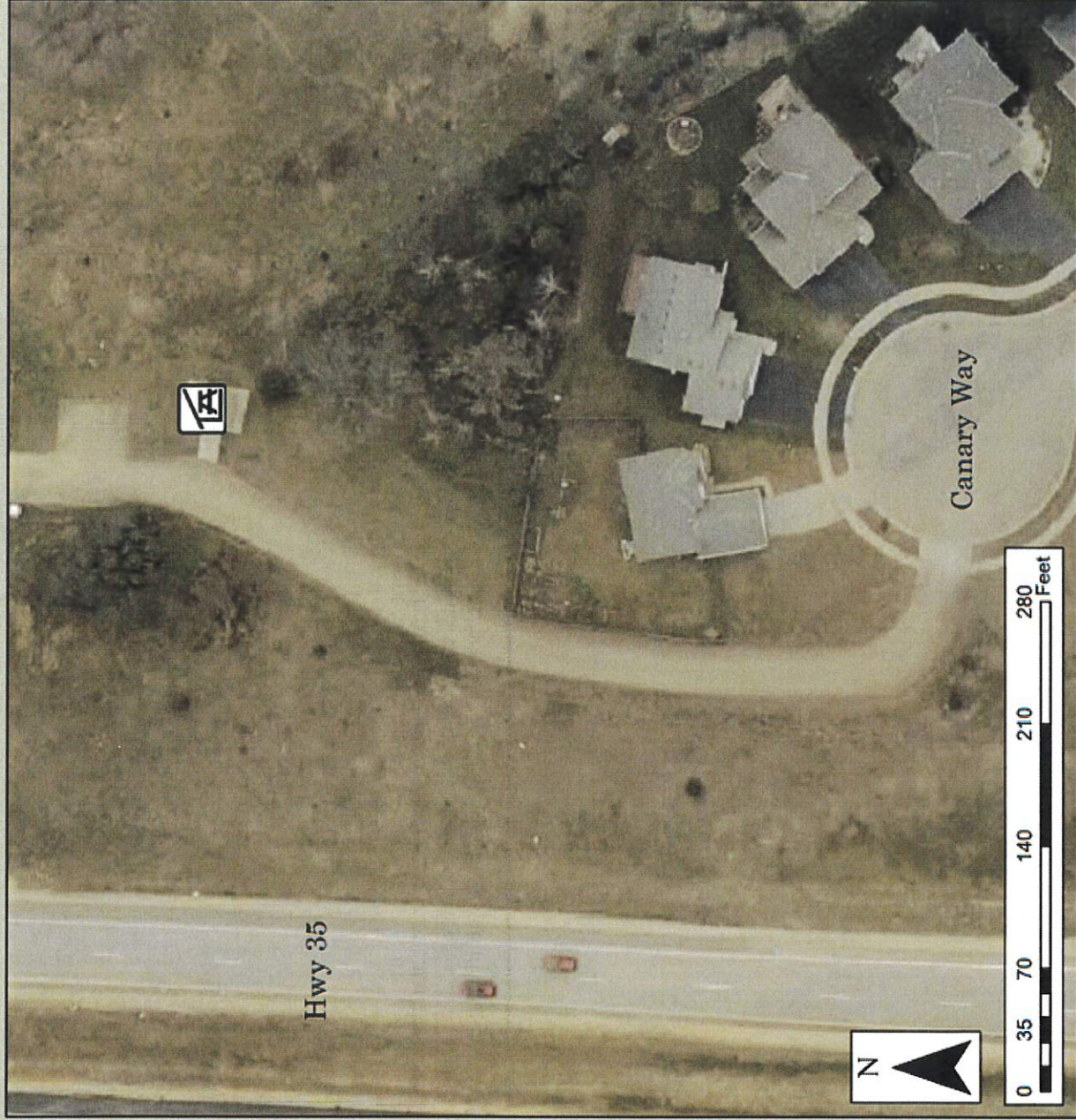


Meadows Park
31 Canary Way
Hudson, WI 54016

Amenities

 Picnic Shelter

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ORANGE STREET BOAT ACCESS

LOCATION: ORANGE AND 1ST STREET

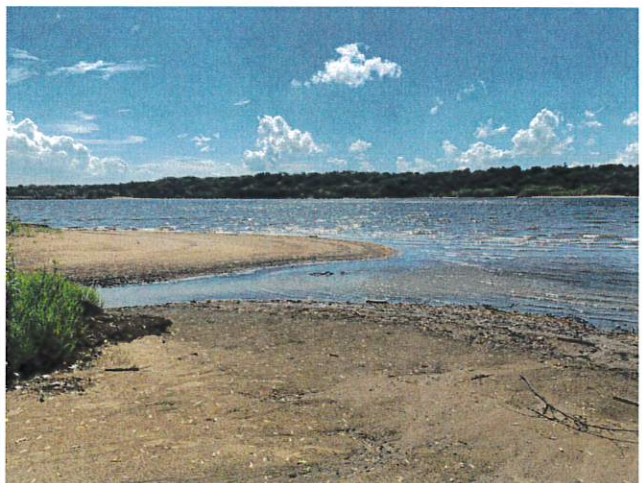
SIZE: NA

CLASSIFICATION: SPECIAL-USE PARK

About: The Orange Street Access located at Orange Street and 1st Street is an unimproved landing point for non-motorized watercraft and has limited parking opportunities.

Existing Amenities:





Opportunities:





Orange Street Boat Access 1st and Orange Street Hudson, WI 54016

Amenities

-  Bench
-  Boat Launch
-  Walking Paths
-  Park Boundaries

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PROSPECT PARK

LOCATION: 511 WISCONSIN STREET

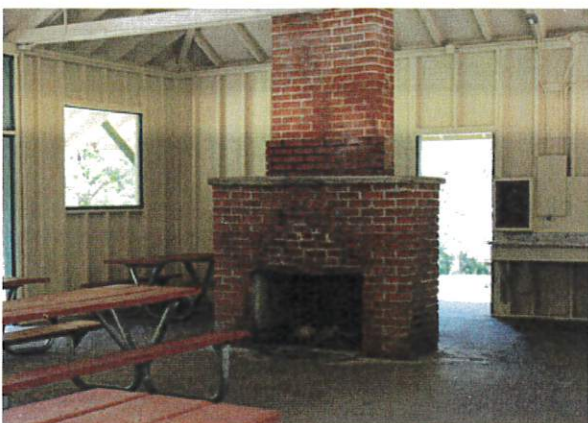
SIZE: 35.0 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY PARK

About: Prospect Park is Hudson's oldest park. It features gardens; two picnic pavilions which are available for rental; two playground areas; a sand volleyball court; and a scenic overlook of the city and river. The upper portion of Prospect Park was the old hospital site acquired by the City of Hudson in 2010 via the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program. The acquired land restricts any develop to align with Wisconsin Admin Code §23.0917(4); Nature Based Outdoor Recreation.

Existing Amenities: Barbeques, Benches, Grill, Open Play Area, Pavilion, Picnic Areas, Picnic Pavilions, Picnic Shelters, Picnic Tables, Playground, Restrooms, Swings, Tables, Volleyball.

Opportunities: 3rd Street Steps, New Playground, Asphalt Point Trail, Wedding Gazebo, Upper Restrooms, Lower Restrooms, Trail Lighting, Cistern Development, Natural Walking Trails.



VINE STREET SQUARE

LOCATION: 1005 VINE STREET

SIZE: 5.0 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

About: Vine Street Square provides a sledding hill during the winter months.

Existing Amenities: Sledding.

Opportunities: Lighting.





Vine Street Square

1005 Vine Street
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Amenities



Sledding Hill

Park Boundaries



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WEBSTER PARK

LOCATION: 602 LAUREL AVENUE

SIZE: 2.0 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

About: Webster Park offers a large grassy play area.

Existing Amenities: Open Play Area.

Opportunities: Off Street Parking.



WEITKAMP PARK

LOCATION: 648 O'NEIL ROAD

SIZE: 20.0 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY PARK

About: Weitkamp Park is the city's newest park. It has a large new pavilion with restrooms, plus a small pavilion with picnic tables, barbeque grill, and playground equipment. Both picnic pavilions are available for rental. A sledding hill can be used in the winter.

Existing Amenities: Barbeques, Benches, Open Play Area, Paved Trails, Picnic Pavilions, Picnic Tables, Playground, Restrooms, Sledding, Swings.

Opportunities: Splash Pad, Trails, Ice Rink Enclosure.





Weitkamp Park
 648 O'Neil Road
 Hudson, WI 54016

Amenities

-  Walking Paths
-  Sledding Hill
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Playground
-  Restroom
-  Bench
-  Parking
-  Park Boundaries

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WILLIAMS PARK

LOCATION: 931 LAUREL AVENUE

SIZE: 4.0 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

About: Williams Park is a neighborhood park offering a large variety of playground equipment, picnic tables, a small shelter, and restrooms.

Existing Amenities: Barbeques, Open Play Area, Picnic Tables, Playground, Restrooms, Swings.

Opportunities: 9th Street Parking, Sidewalks, New Playground, New Restrooms, Picnic Shelter, Lighting.





Williams Park
931 Laurel Avenue
Hudson, WI 54016

- Amenities**
- Bench
 - Picnic Table
 - Playground
 - Restroom
 - Parking
 - Park Boundaries

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WOODLAND OPEN SPACE

LOCATION: MAPLE DRIVE

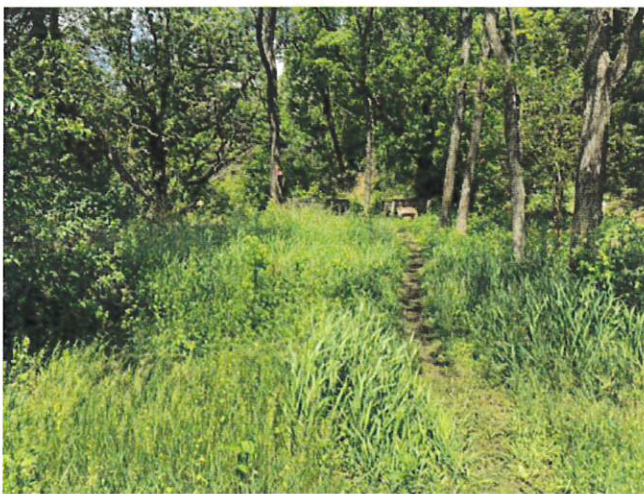
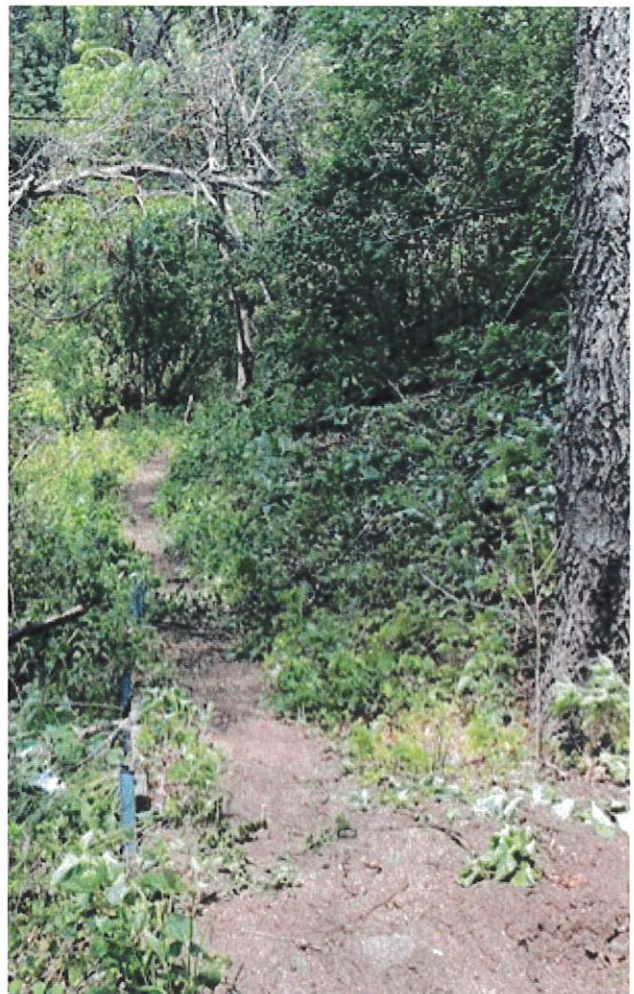
SIZE: 3.8 ACRES

CLASSIFICATION: CONSERVANCY

About: The woodland addition is a 3.8-acre undeveloped wooded area located on Maple Drive. Currently, there is no trail through it.

Existing Amenities: NA.

Opportunities:



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

SUMMARY

The City of Hudson Park Board established a five-year capital improvement program (CIP) in 2020. The Park Board desires to invest in the continued improvement of park facilities during the next five year period, including (this list is not all inclusive of the projects proposal):

- Anderson Park- picnic shelter, new playground, and resurfacing
- Birkmose Park- trail improvements
- Burton Park- sidewalks, playground surface, bathroom expansion
- Grandview Park- new playground, storage building, shade for bleachers, dog fountain
- lakefront Park- St. Croix River boardwalk, amphitheatre seating, restroom upgrades
- Prospect Park- 3rd Street steps, new playground, trail lighting, wedding gazebo
- Weitkamp Park- splash pad, trails, ice rink enclosure
- Williams Park- sidewalks, new playground, new restrooms
- Tables, grills and trash cans in all parks

Please see pages 40 and 41 for a detailed view of the capital improvement plan.

The capital improvement program is subject to change upon continued annual review of the needs of the park system and the availability of funding for projects.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION

The first step in the implementation process is the adoption of the plan by the City of Hudson. After adoption, the City of Hudson Park Board may implement project priorities and capital improvements program.

If the city decides to pursue land acquisition and development of recreational areas, it is recommended that the Community Services Specialists of the WDNR West Central Region be consulted as to the city's eligibility to participate in state and federally funded grant programs and or other forms of financial aid. Grant programs provided by the WDNR can possibly decrease costs by up to 50 percent. The City of Hudson may submit an outdoor recreation project to the WDNR for cost sharing at anytime during the five-year eligibility period.

Implementation of the parks plan is also enhanced by citizen participation as well as financial assistance through private donations. Funding combined with an engaged community effort to obtain, develop, and improve park lands can assure implementation of Hudson's five year outdoor recreation plan.



CONCLUSION

PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

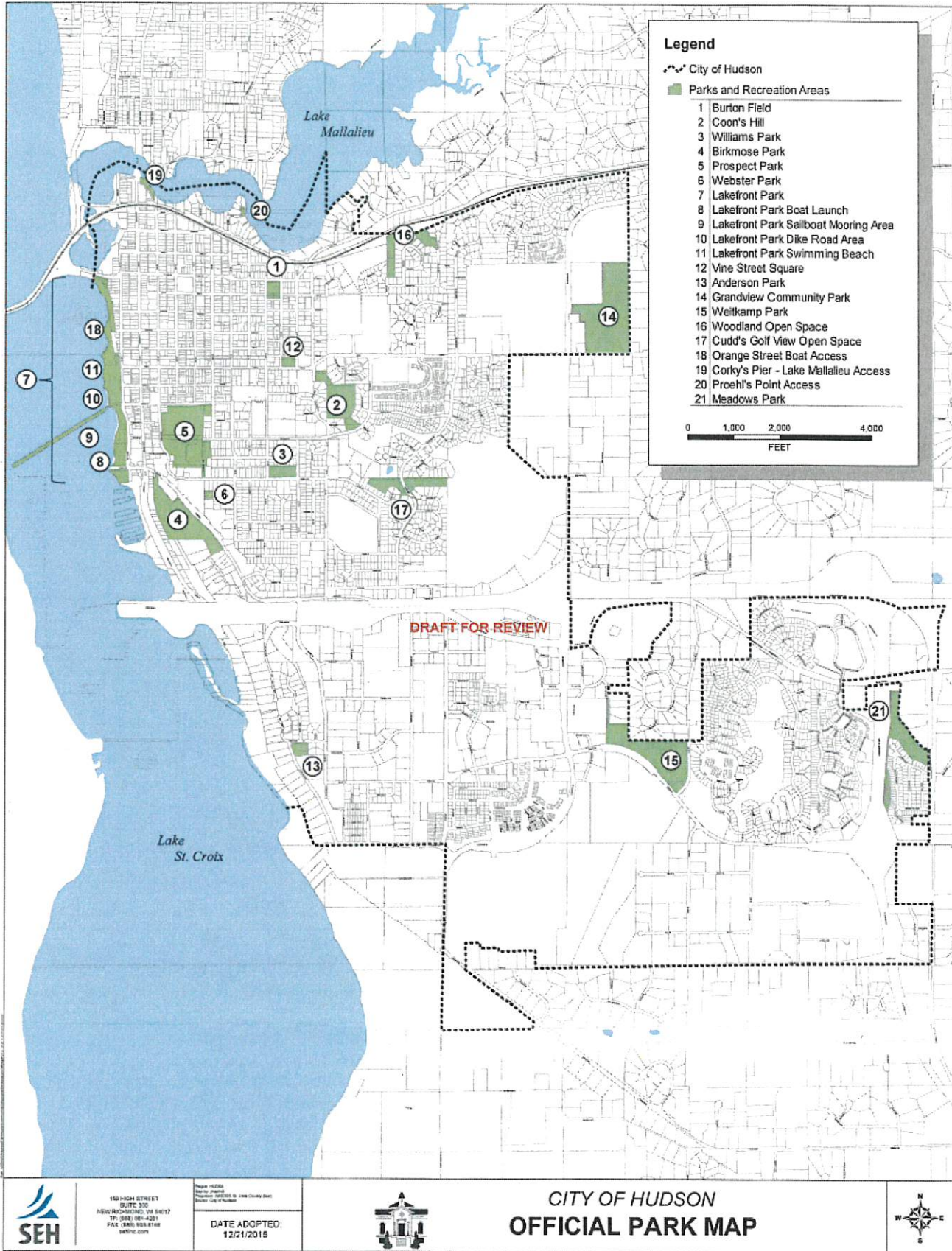
If the City of Hudson and surrounding community continues to grow as anticipated, it becomes imperative that we plan for higher park usage, not only by the city's residents but from the neighboring communities as well. With that comes required planning, development, and maintenance to implement the visions of the park board and park department. Parks are an essential asset to any community. Parks and ancillary improvements enhance a community by providing a sense of place and community, and allow people to interact in a setting that is informal and enjoyable.



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LAKEFRONT PARK CONT'D	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Funding Source
Mooring Access Stairs			100,000								280 fund
Decorative Lighting Picnic Point											
Kayak/Paddle Board Access	30,000										2021 Bonds
Orange St. Parking Lot	20,000										
Trail to N. Hudson											
Buckeye Garage-NEW Facility											
Dike Road Pavilion & Restrooms											
St Croix St. Trail Head					150,000						Grants/2025 Bonds
St Croix St. Parking Lot					75,000						Grants/2025 Bonds
PROSPECT PARK											
3rd St Steps											
New Playground				200,000							2024 Bonds
Asphalt Point Trail		20,000									2024 Bonds
Wedding Gazebo											
Upper Restrooms											
Lower Restrooms								200,000			2028 Bonds
Trail Lighting											
Cistern Development											
Natural Walking Trails											
VINE STREET SQUARE											
Lighting											
WEBSTER											
Off Street Parking											
WEITKAMP PARK											
Splash Pad			300,000								2022 Bonds
Trails											
Ice Rink Enclosure											
WILLIAMS PARK											
9th St Parking											
Sidewalks											
New Playground											
New Restrooms				175,000						200,000	2030 Bonds
Picnic Shelter											2023 Bonds
Lighting											
MISC PARK ITEMS											
Tables, Grill, Cans	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	Bonds
	\$ 1,637,021	\$ 1,072,022	\$ 412,023	\$ 387,024	\$ 287,025	\$ 312,026	\$ 212,027	\$ 212,028	\$ 262,029	\$ 212,030	





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